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SHUTDOWN TIMELINE

- Dec. 19, 2018

The Senate passes a continuing resolution to keep the government open through Feb. 8, but the resolution does not include funding for a border wall. Republican leaders say President Trump supports the bill at the time.
- Dec. 20, 2018

President Trump says he will not support a bill that does not include funding for the wall. House Republicans pass a new continuing resolution that includes \$5.7 billion in funds for the border wall.
- Dec. 22, 2018

The partial government shutdown takes effect at midnight. Sen. Mitch McConnell announces the Senate could not reach a deal and adjourns the Senate until Dec. 27.
- Jan. 3, 2019

Rep. Nancy Pelosi is elected Speaker of the House. The new Democratic majority passes two funding bills that do not include border wall funding.
- Jan. 4, 2019

President Trump reaffirms his commitment to border security by saying he would allow the shutdown to last for “months or even years” in order to get funding for the border wall.
- Jan. 12, 2019

The shutdown becomes the longest in American history.



As shutdown teeters, student financial aid suffers

BY ELI.HARRIS
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Federal workers aren't the only ones at risk during the government shutdown. Public institutions such as Iowa State may also face repercussions regarding aid and grant funding, which could result in negative consequences for students. When explaining how the student aid process works, Julia Sullivan, the assistant director in the Office of Student Financial Aid said students filing for federal Free Application for Student Aid (FAFSA) may experience problems. "When you file your FAFSA, there are matches that are done to different organizations in the government," Sullivan said. Because some of the organizations that give verification documents are closed down, fears were initially high about

the possibility that students would be unable to apply for FAFSA for the 2019-20 academic year. Before Wednesday, some materials couldn't be obtained due to the closure of the IRS. The system is now mostly operational and students can access their tax records. The only major issue remaining with the FAFSA review process is the inability to verify that a male student has registered with the Selective Service. Although students may not be negatively effected during the shutdown, the university is a different story. The National Science Foundation will likely suspend reviews of grant proposals, meaning Iowa State could miss out on requested grants, and funding could dry up for many research groups on campus. In an interview with editor from the Daily, Iowa State

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City council to privately discuss union issues

BY TALON.DELANEY
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The Ames City Council will convene privately after their meeting Tuesday to discuss collective bargaining strategies. City staff will report to city council about their interactions with local labor unions. Susan Gwiasda, the city's public relations officer, said the council does have closed

sessions occasionally throughout the year, and it's unlikely any policy changes will come about during the session. "It's really a chance for staff to discuss with the council what unions are concerned about," Gwiasda said, "things like working conditions and wages." The council will still have their regularly scheduled meeting at 6 p.m. before the closed session. The council will hear a staff presentation on the 2019-24 capital improvements plan, which seeks to allocate funds appropriately in order to develop Ames's infrastructure in a way that accommodates growing population and economic demands. City documents reveal plans to update water utilities, road infrastructure, the Ames Municipal Airport (AMA) and other projects. The documents detail how each

development would pull money from local, state and federal funds. The AMA project alone will cost more than \$207 million over the next five years. Anyone is welcome to attend the regular scheduled meeting, but the chamber doors will be closed off to the public when the closed session begins. The agenda can be found online on the city of Ames website.

SPORTS BAR

WEST TOWNE PUB

FOOD & SPIRITS

KARAOKE

BINGO

TUESDAY

9PM - 1AM

\$2 Kinky drinks (9p-1a)

\$2 Spiced run (9p-1a)

\$2 Fireball shots (9p-1a)

\$6 for 8 boneless wings (dine in only)

PRIZES AWARDED!!

WEST TOWNE PUB

CALENDAR

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Retirement reception: Dave Russell, *Shops area, General Services Building at 1:30 p.m.* Dave Russell, a locksmith at facilities planning and management, is retiring from the university Tuesday.

Research workshop: Sponsored Funding Budgets, *Memorial Union, Oak Room at 3 p.m.* This session will dive more deeply into budget templates, special circumstances, and hands-on exercises to further develop your skills and understanding about developing and submitting proposal budgets.

All events courtesy of event.iastate.edu

POLICE BLOTTER

12.13.18

An individual reported being harassed at 153 University Village (reported at 12:05 p.m.).

An officer investigated a property damage collision at Transportation Services (reported at 12:06 p.m.).

An officer investigated a hit and run with property damage at Lot 112G (reported at 1:23 p.m.).

Officers conducted a follow up investigation regarding a request for extra patrol at Gerdin Business Building. (reported at 2:04 p.m.).

An officer checked on the welfare of an individual at the Student Services Building. The person was transported to a medical facility for treatment (reported at 4:47 p.m.).

Michael Alan Radican, age 20, of 314 Beall Street in Sloan, Iowa, was arrested and charged with driving under suspension, violation of probation, failure to file SR insurance and barred as a habitual offender.

An officer checked on the welfare of an individual at Freeman Hall (reported at 11:27 p.m.).

12.14.18

Jacob L Roum, age 19, of 2035 Sunset drive in Ames, Iowa, was arrested and charged with public intoxication at the 2100 Block of Gable Lane (reported at 12:32 a.m.).

An officer assisted an individual who was experiencing medical difficulties at Geoffroy Hall. The person was transported to a medical facility for treatment (reported at 12:24 a.m.).

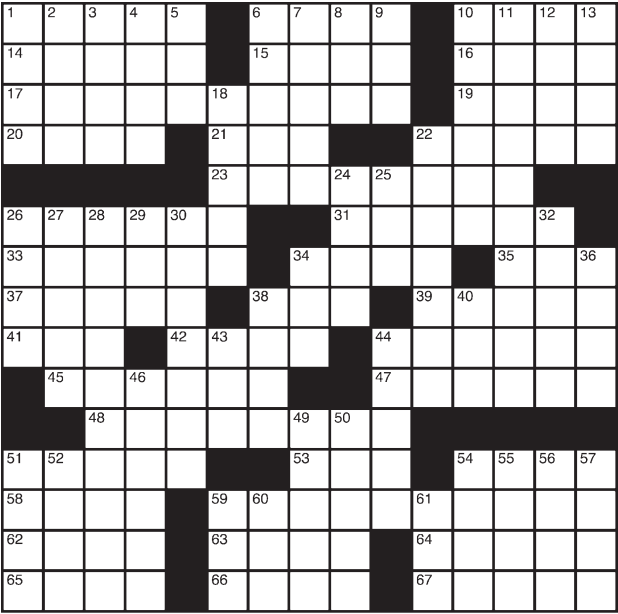
Bryan Hao Nguyen, age 21, of 1108 S 4th Street Unit 12 in Ames, Iowa, was arrested and charged with public intoxication at the intersection of Lincoln Way and Gray Avenue (reported at 1:14 a.m.).

Officer checked on the welfare of an individual at Buchanan Hall (reported at 3:57 a.m.).

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Crossword



Across

- 1. Nation between Togo and Nigeria
- 6. "Look over here!"
- 10. CSNY member
- 14. Private line?
- 15. Elevator man
- 16. "It's clear now"
- 17. *Edward Cullen's rival for Bella's hand, in the "Twilight" series

- 19. Genghis ____
- 20. "The Plains of Passage" author
- 21. Former SSR
- 22. Pharmaceutical rep's samples
- 23. She played Michelle on "Full House"
- 26. Dogpatch creator
- 31. Alley cats, e.g.
- 33. Some crowns
- 34. Desert tableland
- 35. Blue bird

- 37. Looking for a fight
- 38. Suffix with infer
- 39. Cook, in a way
- 41. Bar bowl item
- 42. "Don't tell me!"
- 44. 2007 "American Idol" winner Sparks
- 45. *Brother of Helen of Troy, some say
- 47. Fails to pronounce
- 48. Image to identify on a driver's license exam
- 51. Drifters
- 53. Diarist Anaïs
- 54. Neighbor of a Cambodian
- 58. Short race, briefly
- 59. *Beach Boys title girl
- 62. Ruse
- 63. Duel tool
- 64. Target Field team, and each pair of intersecting names in the answers to starred clues
- 65. Funny Dame
- 66. Bombs
- 67. Narrow piece, as of cloth

Down

- 1. ____ California BAJA
- 2. *Biblical birthright seller
- 3. "Great shot!"
- 4. Teen Vogue subject
- 5. Lincoln's st.
- 6. Beer garden music
- 7. Super Bowl I and II MVP
- 8. [Not my error]
- 9. "That wasn't nice"
- 10. Former Soviet leader Khrushchev

- 11. *"High Crimes" actress
- 12. Corporate emblem
- 13. Egg sources
- 18. Bruises partner
- 22. Shade provider
- 24. North Sea feeder
- 25. Naut. speed units
- 26. Env. router
- 27. Stay awake in bed
- 28. *Source of an age-old medicinal oil
- 29. Part of MOMA
- 30. Promotional bribes
- 32. Composer Erik
- 34. Cattle call
- 36. Hankerings
- 38. "Need You Tonight" band
- 40. First name in shipping
- 43. 1963 Newman/Neal film
- 44. "Today" correspondent ____ Bush Hager
- 46. Start of a show-off kid's cry
- 49. How traditional Chinese brides dress
- 50. Taunts GIBES
- 51. Garden waterer HOSE
- 52. Burned, in a high-tech way
- 54. "I ____ I taw ..."
- 55. It may have highlights
- 56. Years, to Caesar
- 57. Clouseau's rank: Abbr.
- 59. Place to sleep BED
- 60. Bart's Squishee provider APU
- 61. ACLU concerns RTS

FEATURE PHOTO



TAYLOR HAGIE/IOWA STATE DAILY

>> All booked up

Students pick up books for the upcoming semester at the Iowa State University bookstore on Monday.

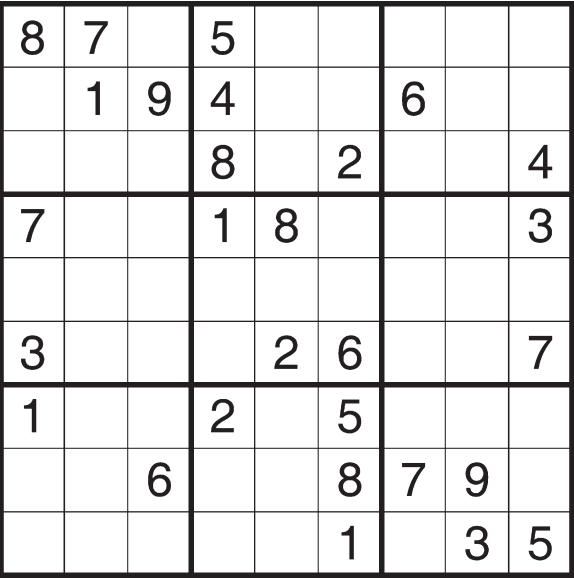
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LEVEL: 1 2 3 4

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk

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Assistant director for The Center announces move



CLARE LEMKE

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With the new year, there comes time for change at Iowa State. The Center for LGBTQIA+ Student Success has a few changes this new year. Assistant Director Clare Lemke is

moving to the University of Utah, where she will serve as the director of the LGBT Resource Center.

Lemke has served as the assistant director for The Center since 2015.

“I am excited to take on a new challenge, but it is also bittersweet to be leaving The Center that has been my

professional home these past few years,” Lemke said. “I have been honored to serve students in this role, and I look forward to staying in touch with my Iowa State community.”

The Center is also moving from Student Services to the Memorial Union.

The Center will be hosting a farewell

reception for Lemke from 3 to 5 p.m. Jan. 22 in the new home of The Center, 3224 Memorial Union.

The official farewell ceremony will be at 3:30 p.m. during the event.

According to The Center’s Facebook post, “all are welcome and encouraged to attend.”

AMERICA’S NEW NORMAL

How modern political rhetoric has changed the way minorities live

BY DEVYN.LEESON
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A border wall, trade protectionism and so-called “fake news” were not common focuses among politicians when Donald Trump started running for president, but now people can hardly go a day without hearing something on one of these topics.

Some of these policy goals — like the border wall — have been pushed for by a majority of members within the Republican Party, including state or local representatives who are not as affected by the implementation of the proposed wall.

However, the impacts of this rhetoric go beyond setting a focus for the party as it has fundamentally changed how some underprivileged and minority communities carry out their lives on a daily basis.

“The effects of the racist rhetoric of Donald Trump and the Republican party of Iowa are profound,” said Ashton Ayers, political director for the Iowa State College Democrats. “You have people in many different minority communities who feel unsafe, unwanted, mistrusted, and it creates a division among the population.”



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Donald Trump speaks about his platform on Sept. 19, 2015 at the Faith and Freedom Coalition Dinner.

LANGUAGE MATTERS

Whether it is Gov. Kim Reynolds, Rep. Steve King or former representatives David Young and Rod Blum, Ayers said much of their language varies, but the general policy positions are consistent with one another.

“Donald Trump and everyone who is on his team is complicit,” Ayers said. “When you use language like Steve King utilizes, like Donald Trump utilizes; language that dehumanizes individuals; language that attacks people on the racial, cultural, ethnic or religious identity,

you foster a division and belief that some people are less than others, and that they are worth less.”

Others, like Iowa State College Republicans Vice President Tim Gomendoza, said Trump is not the source of people’s sentiments towards immigrants or minorities, rather, it is caused by people being more open about their beliefs and feelings. Gomendoza said he believes people are going about their ideals, separate from what Trump would necessarily do.

“Trump is popular because he is a little more down-to-Earth,”

Gomendoza said. “He is blunt, which is why I voted for him. He tells things like it is and doesn’t use euphemisms. This is where the culture pops up: People are tired of having to hide behind curtains and now they will say how they really feel.”

Gomendoza said he thinks Trump’s rhetoric is taken out of context, and as a minority himself, he feels there is no issue with the type of language used or if more candidates are using that type of rhetoric within their own campaigns.

While more people could take offense to the adoption of this rhetoric across the Republican party, Gomendoza said this is what people need to hear and is the best approach if the president or other politicians want to do their jobs.

“In relation to the migrant caravan, we have a large influx of people who we don’t know, who we can’t really vet,” Gomendoza said. “The president’s job is to keep the American people safe, so in regards to that incident alone I can definitely say Trump’s rhetoric is not racist or meant to be offensive; it is

just dictation of what is happening.”

IMPACTS OF RHETORIC

This type of speech, which some say was popularized by Donald Trump, has been blamed for a rise in hate crimes nationally, but Ayers and Gomendoza both agreed that this increase was present in the years before Trump. To Ayers, this means Trump is more a symptom of the culture than the cause of it.

Regardless, Ayers said there are still contributions Trump made to this culture that have impacted individuals down to the local level. In Iowa, for example, Ayers said he has seen an increase in targeting of minorities by police officers and the overall acceptance of racist or bigoted rhetoric. In addition, he said the rhetoric has “absolutely increased” racist and violent sentiments as well as racial division and the rise of white nationalism.

Senior Lecturer of Political Science Dirk Deam said correlating the rhetoric with the rise of racist tendencies is not as cut and dry as it sounds.

“The inference is fair, but it is

hard to say this is all cause and effect,” Deam said. “When you give license to overt racist appeals or thinly veiled appeals, then it becomes harder to attack the moral notion that [hate crimes] are wrong ... but I wouldn’t say it is a cause and effect”

If the Republican party were to disavow the problematic language of Trump or King, then Deam said it would be much easier for them to “sever the rhetoric from the behavior.”

During the Trump campaign and before the end of the Republican primary, many Republicans openly opposed Trump’s policy positions and the language he used to promote his policies. As this opposition slowed over time, Deam said it wasn’t due to the party suddenly agreeing with the platform. Instead, it was an electoral calculation.

“It’s not that they are racist or that they accept racism, but more that they are willing to tolerate apparent racism to the extent that it has no negative electoral effect,” Deam said. “Or to put it another

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**“While I think the issue started before Trump, he saw that part of the Republican party, emphasized it and then capitalized on it.”
– Ben Whittington**

This month in academics

Bookmobile: Ames Public Library

When: Thursdays, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Where: Between Parks Library and Morrill Hall
Description: “In partnership with the university library, the Ames Public Library’s Bookmobile added a regular Iowa State stop to its weekly route. The Bookmobile will park in the turnaround between Parks Library and Morrill Hall from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursdays. Items from the Ames Public Library (for all ages) can be checked out, returned or reserved in advance for pick up.”

Research Workshop: Bridging the Divide Brown Bag

When: Sunday, January 27, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Where: 3155 Marston Hall
Description: “Bring your lunch (and your questions) to find out how the Bridging the Divide seed funding grant program could help get your research or scholarly project off the ground.”

Wellness Expo:

When: Thursday, January 17, 4 to 7 p.m.
Where: State Gym
Description: “Learn about the resources available on campus to help you find your way to a holistic, healthy lifestyle. Activities include personal training assessments, sample fitness classes, meditation exercises, outdoor rec contests, action planning and mindful eating exercises. Whirlybird smoothie samples will be available.”

Iowa State Championship: FIRST LEGO league

When: Saturday, January 19 to 20, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Where: Multiple west campus buildings
Description: “Engineering Community Outreach will host the FIRST® LEGO® League state championship for students ages 9 to 14 years on campus. The competition continues Jan. 20.”

University holiday

When: Monday, January 21
Description: “University offices are closed and classes are recessed.”

Spring Clubfest

When: Wednesday, January 23, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Where: Great Hall in the Memorial Union
Description: “ClubFest is an opportunity for students to browse through a variety of clubs and organizations at Iowa State to discover how to become involved on campus. Come meet hundreds of the 900+ student organizations. While not all of Iowa State’s student organizations can attend, a great sample will be at ClubFest with informational handouts, large displays, demonstrations and giveaways to highlight their club and recruit new members.”

Study Abroad Fair

When: Thursday, January 24, 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Where: Great Hall in the Memorial Union
Description: “A one-stop shop to learn about adventures abroad -- interning, studying and volunteering opportunities, ranging from one week to one year. The U.S. Postal Service will have staff available to accept passport applications and renewals.”

Dance Marathon

When: Saturday, January 26, 9 a.m. to 12 a.m.
Where: Memorial Union
Description: “ISU Dance Marathon is a 365 day commitment to raising money for the University of Iowa Stead Family Children’s Hospital; with that comes the yearly celebration during Dance Marathon Weekend. Dancers stay on their feet for 15 hours to symbolize support for the families who spend countless hours in hospital waiting rooms. Come listen to music, play games, hang out with the kids, and even do a bit of dancing.”

Lecture: Creating Disney Magic: Lessons in Leadership, Management and Customer service

When: Thursday, January 31, 7 p.m.
Where: Great Hall in the Memorial Union
Description: “Part of the 2018-19 Helen LeBaron Hilton Endowed Chair Lecture Series, hosted by the Department of Apparel, Events and Hospitality Management - Lee Cockerell, former Executive Vice President of Operations for the Walt Disney World® Resort, shares lessons in leadership, management and customer service.”

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President Wendy Wintersteen said the impact at Iowa State will be incremental. Some organizations will not be affected immediately, while others have already experienced problems.

The Ames Lab has already received its funding from the Department of Energy, so it will be able to operate for the foreseeable future. Other projects, like Science-based Trials of Rowcrops Integrated with Prairie Strips (STRIPS), a program dedicated to farmland and prairie conservation, may not be as lucky.

“If the FSA [Farm Service Agency] stop work order persists much past February or if the USDA budget allocations are altered, funding will become a problem,” said Omar de Kok-Mercado, the project coordinator.

A prolonged government shutdown could halt all activity for the group.

Wintersteen is concerned about what will happen if the current situation isn’t resolved soon.

“All of this will snowball,” Wintersteen said. “Will we be able to have grants reviewed? Will grants be able to be rewarded in a timely fashion? The research enterprise at Iowa State is a big part of what we do and how we excel, and if grant funding from the federal government gets delayed then that will have a significant impact at Iowa State.”

Shutdowns happen because the U.S. Constitution mandates that all federal spending be authorized by

Congress with the approval of the president.

If the two branches of government cannot agree to pass the necessary expenditures, some parts of the federal government may temporarily close due to lack of funding.

This occurrence has only happened 20 times in American history, with the current shutdown being No. 21. None had taken place until 1976 when President Gerald Ford vetoed a \$56 billion spending bill.

Since then, presidents from both parties have been in office during shutdowns. Most only lasted for three to 10 days, but a few lasted several weeks.

On Jan. 12, the record for the longest shutdown was broken when the government found itself in its 22nd day of partial inactivity.

Generally, only nonessential parts of the government are shut down. “Nonessential” doesn’t mean that an agency is not important, it simply indicates that it isn’t vital for security or stability.

The military never stops operations because it is required for national defense. The most impact is felt on interior programs and services.

This means departments like the National Park Service, Federal Communications Commission, Environmental Protection Agency and IRS greatly reduce or stop their services. Close to 800,000 workers have been sent home without pay.

One paycheck has already been missed for government workers, and the deadline for a second is on its way. Some workers for the IRS have been brought back to file tax



KENNEDY DERAEDT/ IOWA STATE DAILY
ISU Dining held an open house Thursday to show the features of the Hub, including the Roasterie coffee café and Heaping Plato Mediterranean food. Attendees saw the newly renovated space and sampled menu items.

The Hub reopens after months-long renovation to facility, modern atmosphere prioritized

BY MEG.GRICE
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After extended renovations and demolition to one of Iowa State’s grab-and-go dining locations, the Hub is not only garnering diverse food experiences but also varying points of opinion from students.

Adison Mixdorf, a sophomore in architecture, remembers the past location as very crowded.

“There were good options, but it was always so busy,” Mixdorf said.

She enjoys the pita bread from the Heaping Plato the most and chose to purchase her favorite item during the lunch hour. Mixdorf said the price range is not too expensive, adding to the appeal for students.

Also praising the new updates, Jordan Davis, a sophomore in history, said she loves the modern atmosphere.

“I was super surprised because they took so long,” Davis said.

The final product seems worth it to her, though.

Davis commented on the cleanliness and increased seating inside, saying how latest updates give off a fresh, upscale vibe with a nicer color scheme. However she said even more seating could be added, particularly to assist with lunch hour rushes.

While Chaz Smith does not typically order off the menu, the Hub serves as a break between classes. Smith, a junior studying software engineering, enjoys the open atmosphere and layout. Though he dined at the location years prior to the updates, additional seating space is a plus for him.

“It’s more structured, so there’s better traffic control,” Smith said.

Noticing the crowded environment due to the excitement of renewal, Smith recommends the Hub as a quick stop, particularly for those in need of a quiet location.

For either sit-down or to-go dining, the Hub is open 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Friday.

EDITORIAL

As candidates storm to Iowa, make your voice heard

It's that time of year — again. From what begins on a monthly, to a weekly basis, to an every hour of every day relationship, Iowans will once again fall, question first, into the affair of being the first caucus state in the nation.

Over the course of the next year, dozens of presidential candidates vying for their parties nomination will sweep across the state, holding town halls, kissing babies, eating at homey diners and, of course, advocating for why they feel they are the best choice for the United States.

Yes, that's right. Even a year out, we can officially mark the beginning of the Iowa caucus season.

But 2020 may feel a bit different than years' past. The 2016 presidential election showed the turbulence and turn around that can haunt, but also spike, the 24/7 news cycle and stability of a candidate. Everything happens quickly, and Iowans, you need to be prepared to keep up.

Last weekend, Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass.) planted herself all across the state, seeding herself into the minds of Iowans that she's here for the long run and positioning herself as a leading Democratic candidate.

And soon, 2020 will etch closer — more and more presidential candidates throwing themselves into the heart of the Midwest in an attempt to reach each corner and crevice of the state to secure their nomination.

Please remember, Iowa, this is not to be taken for granted. Unlike many other states, we have access from the start — and we need to use it to its fullest potential.

For those of you who are out-of-state students or new to the Iowa caucus experience, please take it in and educate yourself not just on the candidates but how the political process works.

Just because you may not identify with candidate or their party, try and make the most of the opportunity of having an elected official available to voice your concerns and to hear where they stand on the issues.

That being said, presidential candidates please also understand that the loudest, most decorated and experienced voices are not the only ones you should be listening to.



MEGAN PETZOLD/IOWA STATE DAILY

The ISD Editorial Board suggests you make your voice heard by participating in the upcoming Iowa Caucus.

Those that most need your representation may never make the time to attend one of your rallies or volunteer for your campaign because they simply can't. Politics takes time, it takes energy and it takes money — something many constituents probably don't have in plethora.

So what we ask of presidential candidates this time around is to make sure your campaigns are accessible and available. Don't reinvent the campaign wheel but understand that it might need some adapting.

Now more than ever, Americans deserve to be heard. With a presidential platform, candidates have the ability to not just speak but to listen. A president is not selected by political pundits or talking heads on the television, but rather the people.

In 2016, voters felt disconnected from politics and that the process was broken. According to a poll by the Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research, only 15 percent of Americans reported a "great deal of confidence" in the Democratic party compared to just 8 percent who say the same of the GOP.

Let's change this in 2020. And candidates, it's on you.

COLUMN

Welcome to the Daily's opinion desk

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For as long as I can remember, writing has always been something that I loved doing. I could never relate to those who constantly complained about having to write something for a class. Sure, sometimes writing essays was a challenge but deep down I enjoyed it nonetheless.



MELANIE DE ANDA

I have filled journals with endless thoughts and ideas, and couldn't imagine a moment where I didn't have the urge to write in them. However, when I first started college I began to neglect my writing and picking up my journal became a rarity. It saddened me to think that I would have to put my love for writing on pause to prioritize my school assignments.

It wasn't until the day when Mark Witherspoon, a professional member of the Iowa State Daily, came into one of my journalism classes to talk about joining the Daily. After hearing his speech, I found that my love for writing still had hope.

By joining the Daily under the opinion section, I was able to combine two of my favorite things: my love for reading and writing.

I began writing every other week about anything related to books and it was great. I was able to focus on my school work and still manage to spend time doing what I love. I can't imagine a better combination that helps me keep it all balanced.

Writing under the opinion section and reading others work under the same section proved to me that everyone's opinion matters and is important, whether we all agree with it or not.

It's because of this reason, among many others, that pushed me to apply for the position. I'm excited to learn new things and pick up on conversations the public feels strongly about. I would like writers under this section to know that their opinions are respected and that they have a place to come and be heard.

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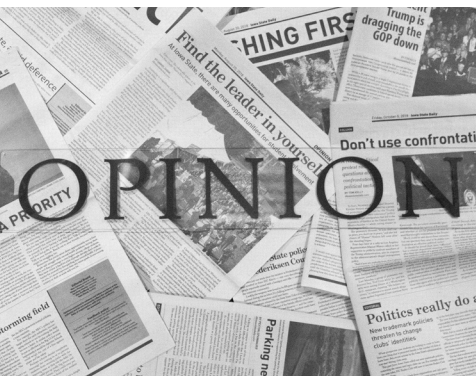
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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Share your thoughts, join the opinion desk



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Everyone has a unique opinion of their own, no matter if their opinion gets heard on a regular basis or not. The Iowa State Daily's opinion desk gives everyone the chance to share their opinions and express themselves. No matter the stance you take, you will be given the chance to voice your opinion.

The goal for the opinion section of the

Daily is to create a conversation about issues going on at Iowa State, or any place around the world. Being a writer for this section means starting that conversation based on your view of certain issues.

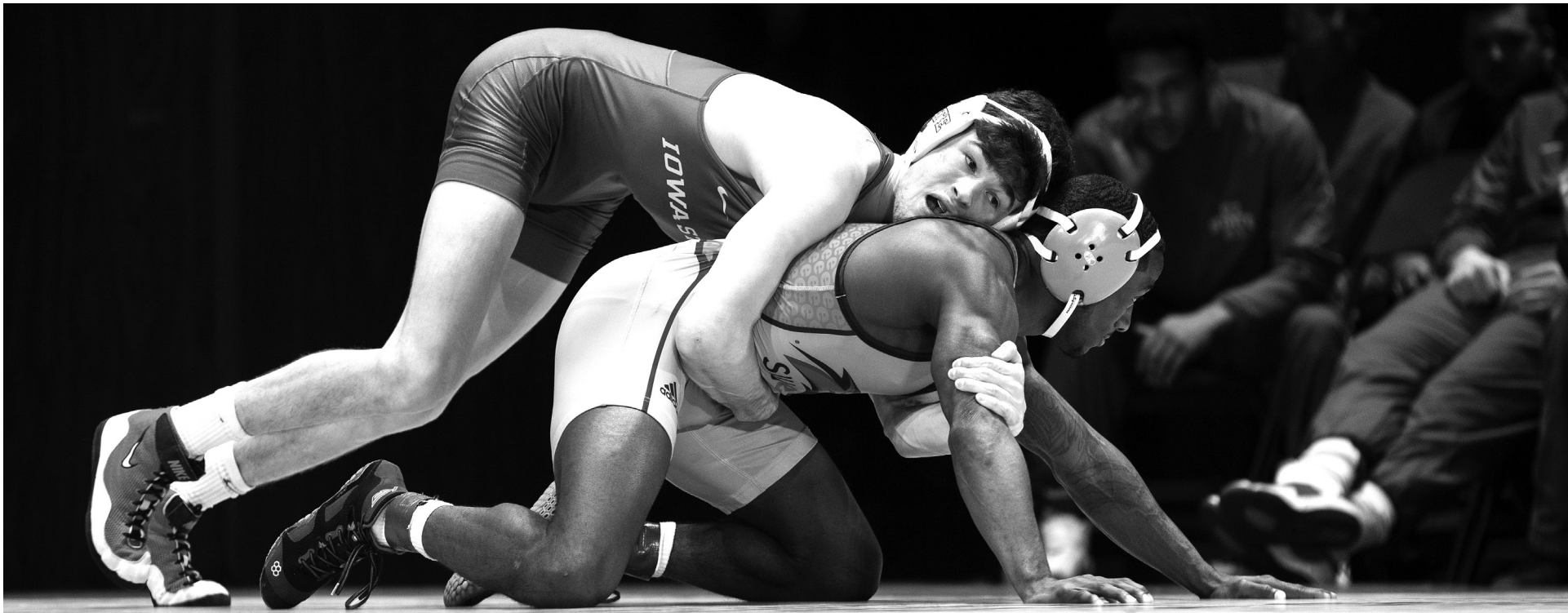
The opinion section is a safe, non-judgmental place where those who write columns can share and formulate their arguments to create more conversation in the community.

We would like to increase our staff to gather a more diverse opinion on not only

sensitive, intricate issues but also those that might require different points of view as well. We would like to approach issues with as many different perspectives as we can so that we provide the public with multiple views on the subject.

If there are issues that you feel strongly about, the opinion section is a great place for you.

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Redshirt sophomore Jarrett Degen wrestles Tyshawn Williams during the Iowa State vs. SIU-Edwardsville match at Stephens Auditorium on Nov. 11, 2018. The Cyclones won 37-3.

THE DEGEN DOZEN

Family propels Jarrett Degen on and off the mat

BY TREVOR HOLBROOK
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After Jarrett Degen heated up late in the 2017-18 season, securing a spot in Cleveland at the NCAA Championships, the 149-pounder received attention from fans, coaches and teammates.

Degen displayed one of the most important wrestling traits — toughness — during his redshirt freshman season.

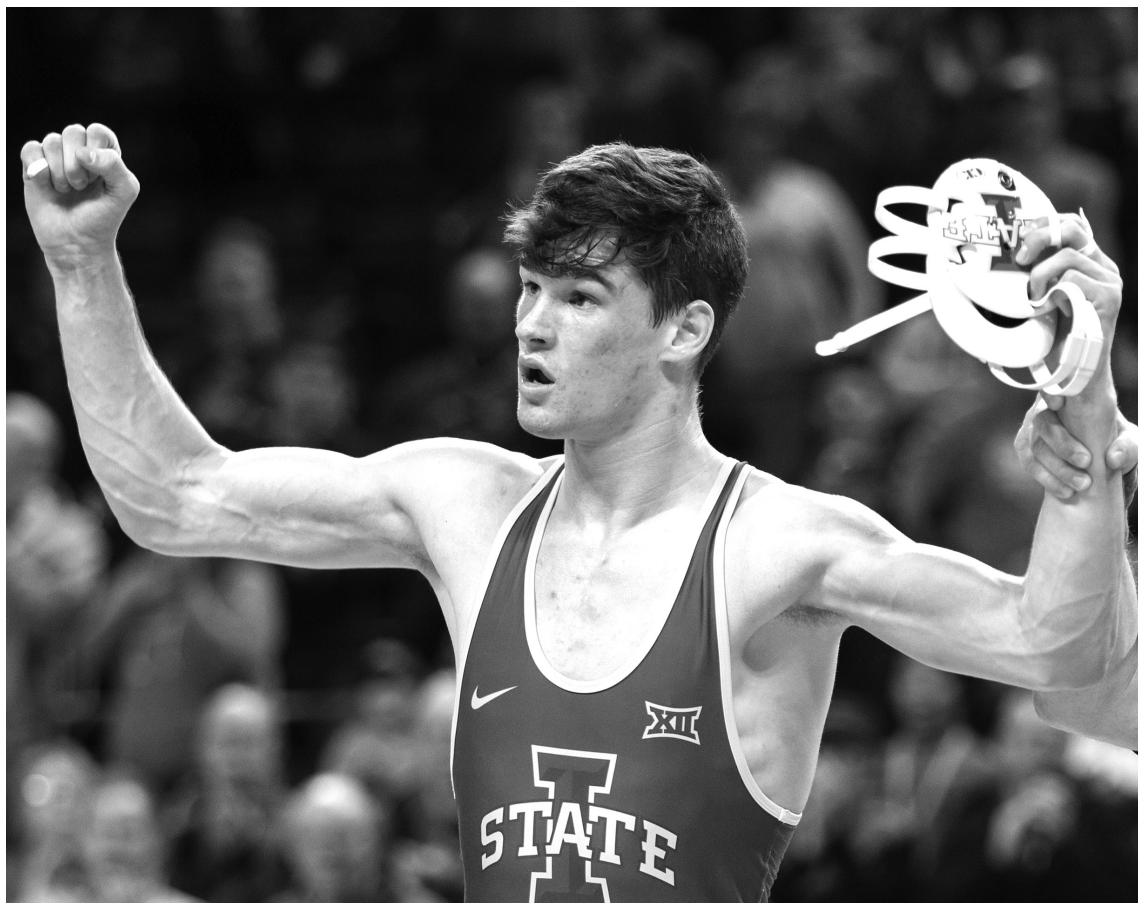
“As far as [Degen is] concerned, that first match in Oklahoma this weekend, he bridged off his back and choked himself out,” said former Iowa State assistant coach Mike Zadick. “He was out, cold. There’s not a lot of wrestlers that you can throw out onto the mat that will literally let their head pop off their shoulders [to] not get pinned. For him to do that, and then get out and continue to fight in the match and then get up that next day — he popped a rib, and that’s no excuse, everyone has these injuries. He didn’t let it affect him. He stepped on the mat and battled.”

Entering this season, the Cyclones attempted to pair Degen’s toughness and skills with more consistency.

“One of our buzzwords that I’ve tattooed our program with is consistency, so we’ve got to get Degen on the right consistency,” said Iowa State coach Kevin Dresser earlier this season.

Off the mat, Degen presents a much less intense demeanor. Outside of the wrestling room, he attends classes focused on his major: child, adult and family services. His interest in the topic stems from his childhood and mother, Jane Degen.

Jane Degen cites Jarrett Degen’s “soft-hearted” personality as one of the top reasons he began pursuing the major. She remembers referring to her son as “the mom” because Jarrett Degen always took a role in taking care of the people around him. Jane Degen and Jarrett Degen’s father — Terry Degen — noticed the giving nature their son presented from an



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Now-Iowa State redshirt sophomore Jarrett Degen flexes after winning his weight class against Kyle Rae during the Iowa State vs West Virginia wrestling meet on Jan. 21, 2018. The Cyclones defeated West Virginia 25-16.

early age.

When Jarrett Degen was around five years old, his family fostered a trio of children. Two of the kids had bicycles, but one of the girls didn’t. Degen told his parents he wanted to put his money toward a bicycle for the girl.

“His dad and I were just like ‘Yup, this kid’s got it. He knows where things are,’” Jane Degen said.

The inclusive nature is still present even as Jarrett Degen’s transitioned to college and moved out of the house. In a phone call with his mom, Degen discussed winter break plans to go skiing with his girlfriend. After revealing the plans, Degen suggested his mom let the kids in the house tag along.

“I don’t know,” Jane Degen said. “It just doesn’t seem like a lot of college kids come home and say ‘Hey, mom. Load up all your nine and 10-year-old children and bring them skiing

with me and my girlfriend.”

Jarrett Degen’s family is large to begin with, consisting of Mandi Pemberton, Richie Pemberton, BJ Pemberton, Lacey TeBay, Lyle Degen, Sawyer Degen, Taya Degen, John Montclair, Clayton Montclair and Cassidy Barker.

Along with the 10 siblings, the Degens fostered kids throughout Jarrett Degen’s upbringing. The family currently fosters two children. The foster children can’t be named due to confidentiality policies.

“I don’t remember a time where there wasn’t a foster kid in the house,” Jarrett Degen said. “I want to say, over 100 [children].”

Jane Degen’s time with foster children began as lending a hand to parents with special needs children. With the adoption of Taya Degen, Jane Degen focused her time on Taya Degen, who requires tube feeding, a

vibrating vest and a wheelchair.

With the added children flowing in and out of the house, Jarrett Degen shared his room with countless new kids. Growing up, Jarrett Degen — now, 21 years old — didn’t mind because he spent most of his time outside playing on his family’s 13 acres of land.

“It was just always a way of life,” Jane Degen said about the integration between Lyle and Sawyer Degen with the foster children. “It was always dinner’s at 5 [p.m.], foster kids are moving in, foster kids are moving out.”

Jarrett Degen leaned on his family growing up, and he continued to during the peak of his young college wrestling career.

In March, Iowa State’s lone NCAA Championships qualifier — Jarrett Degen — shook Arizona State redshirt senior Jason Tsirtsis’s hand.

The referee blew his whistle, and the two crouched in their stances. After an underwhelming performance from the Cyclones at the Big 12 Tournament, Jarrett Degen sought to finish the season with All-American status. All the first-time NCAA Championships qualifier needed to do was knock off Tsirtsis.

Tsirtsis — a former NCAA Champion as a freshman at Northwestern — dug Jarrett Degen a hole early with a two-point takedown in the first period. Tsirtsis built over a minute of riding time, granting him an extra point if he remained over the minute threshold and the match went the full three periods. Jarrett Degen escaped and bounced back on his feet to cut the lead to 2-1. At the start of the second and third periods, the two swapped turns starting on top. Each athlete escaped tacking on a point and pushing the score to 3-2 in favor of Tsirtsis.

Jarrett Degen wrestled two matches the previous day and two the morning before scrapping with Tsirtsis. Meanwhile, Tsirtsis battled in three matches prior to meeting Jarrett Degen, but the Iowa State 149-pounder continued to push the pace. The referee rewarded Jarrett Degen for his energy, awarding him a point on a stalling call on Tsirtsis.

The scoreboard read 3-3.

With a tied match, the potential one point off riding time loomed largely. When the third period expired, it would finish in favor of Tsirtsis because of the minute-plus of riding time. Late in the third period, Jarrett Degen took his shot. He secured Tsirtsis’s right leg and used his 6-foot-plus length to slide around behind Tsirtsis. For a split second, Jarrett Degen looked like he would snag two points and a win, but Tsirtsis slithered out from underneath the Cyclone before the takedown was called to eliminated Jarrett Degen.

After his elimination, he headed to the hotel he stayed at, and Jane Degen

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WHAT KIND OF SNOW PERSON ARE YOU?

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Q1.

YOU SEE SNOW IN THE FORECAST, WHAT IS YOUR FIRST REACTION?

CATCH ME UNDER THE COVERS

ALREADY LACING UP MY SNOW BOOTS

Q2.

WHAT IS YOUR WINTER DRINK OF CHOICE?

WHAT IS YOUR GO-TO SNOW DAY OUTFIT?

Q2.

WHATEVER IS IN MY KITCHEN

HOT CHOCOLATE

SWEATER/ SCARF COMBO

WHATEVER KEEPS ME WARM

Q3.

ALL YOUR FRIENDS ARE POSTING SNOW DAY SNAPCHATS. WHAT IS ON YOUR STORY?

THERE IS A SNOW BALL FIGHT ON CENTRAL CAMPUS. YOU IN?

Q3.

NOTHING OUT OF THE ORDINARY

A SELFIE IN THE SNOW

I'LL BUILD A SNOWMAN ON THE SIDELINES...

I'M THE ONE WHO STARTED IT!

1. STAY-AT-HOME SNOW PERSON

Snow might not be your favorite thing, but you enjoy watching it from the comfort of your own bed. You're already counting down the days until spring. Snow day activities include cozing up at home and binge watching your favorite show on Netflix.

2. WINTER CHEER SNOW PERSON

You'll make the most of whatever is in the forecast. Whether it's flurries or a blizzard, snow days bring you joy. Snow day activities include taking cute winter pics with your friends and drinking massive amounts of hot chocolate.

3. EXTREME SNOW PERSON

The cold never bothered you anyway. Snow days open up a whole new realm of possibilities when it comes to activities when it comes to sports. Snow day activities include sledding down the tallest hill you can find and pelting your friends with snowballs.

“When my dad or my grandfather were growing up, you knew people who were racist because they wouldn’t let you in their schools or date their daughter, but now people are racist in not so open ways, and it makes me second guess everyone’s intentions,” Whittington said. “Because that doubt is there, myself and other minorities start to question every privileged persons actions.”